## **Chapter 1**

"I'm sorry Alex, but we are not possible," I said coldly to the person in front of me.

Alexander Monte, one of the hottest guys on our campus. Many girls are dreaming to be his girlfriend, but not me.

It's not because I don't like him nor I don't love him, it's just that I don't have the right to love because I only exist for my family's business.

Alex is a good guy and a good friend. But I can't lead him on. I don't have a heart to love.

I want him to stay with me as my friend, but because of what he did, I need to stay away from him.

I'm pissed because of what he did, I lose a friend AGAIN. I make it clear to all of them that they can't like me because I can't. How many times do I have to keep telling them for them to understand that THEY CAN'T LIKE ME?!

"Mara why can't I love you?" He said. Sadness is visible in his voice.

"You know why," I said almost a whisper.

"But Mara I'm freaking rich! If you are telling me that you only exist because of business... then so be it. My family's business is a good asset to your family business. So I don't understand why we can't be together!" He said almost pissed.

I just look at him with no emotion and said "My family has already chosen the guy that I will marry. And it's not you."

His forehead furrowed. "Who is he?" He whispered.

"Maru."

I saw his defeated expression. Just hearing Maru's name he knew that he has no way to win.

"Sorry, Alex," I said before walking away from him.

When I reached home, I went straight to my room and lie down on my bed.

I close my eyes and I just let my tears flow.

How many friends do I need to lose?! Why do they keep on liking me and break the rule?!

What I did with Alex is not easy.

As I said, Alex is a good friend, he's one of my closest friends. I want him to stay but unfortunately, I can't.

I was 10 years old when I understand my purpose.

My Dad married my Mom for business. There is no love in them. I am not made out of love, but out of obligation and business.

I was also at the same age when I knew who will be my husband.

He is Andrew Maru Ottave.

What a great choice! Maru's family is the richest in the Philippines, they belong in the top 10 richest people in the world.

Maru and I knew our future.

But we never became friends nor lovers.

Both of us give no e ort to know each other, nor tried to be friends at least.

We saw each other in school, but we never approach one another, even just to say hi or hello.

Even when we meet at some events, we never approach one another.

Just like Alex, Maru is also known in school. He's the hottest guy on

our campus.

don't want to hurt someone because I knew that I can't fight for it.

We both knew our destiny. I chose not to commit to a relationship. I

But unlike me, Maru chooses to be in a relationship.

years, and he seems serious with him.

I just shake my head at that thought. What will happen to them when

From what I've heard, Maru has been with Jana, his girlfriend for

we get married?

That's exactly the reason why I'm avoiding commitments. I don't like

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complications, because we both knew that we can't do anything about it.

Our life is not like a drama on television. Because we knew that even

if we tried to fight for it, we can't win against our parents.

They will just make the people we love live in hell. And in the end, we will just give in to them and accept defeat.

There is only one thing I allowed myself to love. And that is business

where I am made for.

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